Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Foster parents provide safe homes for children and youth across the state; and,

Whereas, Foster families open their homes and hearts to provide support and well-being to children in South Dakota, whose families are in crisis, while helping the families heal and reconnect; and,

Whereas, Each month, there are approximately 1,000 children and youth in foster care from public, private, and tribal agencies in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dedicated foster parents provide opportunities for our youth to stay connected with their family, friends, culture, tribe, school, and community; and,

Whereas, They contribute time and talent to help shape the lives of children in foster care; and,

Whereas, There are numerous individuals, public, private, and tribal organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in, and those leaving foster care, and the valuable contribution of foster parents:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State